Sigandur Sri Chowdeshwari temple, Shimoga, Karnataka

Info is given under following headings: Location, address, phone number...etc., how to get there, greatness of this temple, architecture, Main deity here and subdeities, daily poojas and rituals and their charges, special poojas, sevas and their charges, festivals, facilities for devotees such as accommodation etc,, donation info, bank acct numbers etc.., nearby Temples, nearby places of tourist interest, nearby budget hotels, .any other info...etc

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More info from Temple website: Regular Sevas, Saswata Sevas, contact details,donation, photos, videos..etc

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Shree Sigandur Chowdeshwari Temple (also known as Sigandur Chowdeshwari Temple or Sigandooru Chowdeshwari) in Shivamogga (Shimoga) District, Karnataka.

This powerful Shakti peetha is dedicated to Goddess Chowdeshwari (a form of Durga/Parvati), revered as a fierce protector who safeguards devotees from theft, injustice, and harm while fulfilling sincere wishes.

It's especially famous for resolving disputes, recovering lost items, and punishing wrongdoers — devotees often say "Chowdamma rakshane ide" (Chowdamma's protection is here).

The temple attracts thousands daily for its divine energy in a serene, water-surrounded setting.

Here is the comprehensive information under the usual headings, based on authentic sources including the official temple website (sigandurchowdeshwari.org), historical accounts, and pilgrimage guides.

Location

Shree Sigandur Chowdeshwari Temple is in the village of Sigandur (Sigandooru), near Kalasavalli and Tumari, Sagar Taluk, Shivamogga District, Karnataka. It's nestled amid the backwaters of the Sharavathi River (Linganamakki Dam reservoir), surrounded by lush forests and greenery on three sides — a peaceful, isolated spot that enhances its spiritual aura. About 42 km from Sagar town, 105 km from Shivamogga city, and ~40-50 km from Jog Falls.

Address and Contact

Full Address: Shree Sigandoor Chowdamma Devi Trust ®, Shree Sigandur Chowdeshwari Temple, Village - Kalasavalli, Post - Tumari, Taluk - Sagara, District - Shivamogga, Karnataka - 577453, India

Official Website: https://www.sigandurchowdeshwari.org/ (for history, sevas, donations, updates)

Phone Numbers: Dharmadarshi: +91-8186-210522; Chief Archaka: +91-8186-210555;

Other contacts: +91-94489-54052, +91-94806-72422

Email/Trust: Available via website contact form (no public email listed; use site for inquiries)

How to Get There

By Air: Nearest airport is Mangalore (~180 km) or Hubli (~200 km); then road to Sagar and temple.

By Train: Nearest is Sagar (Sagara) or Talaguppa (~40-50 km); then bus/taxi.

By Road: From Sagar (~42 km), take road to Tumari/Nagodi/Kollur route.

The village is surrounded by water on three sides — cross Sharavathi backwaters via barge/ferry (launch service carries vehicles, pilgrims, buses; nominal fee ~₹1-20/person or vehicle; operates till 5 PM). After crossing, jeeps/autos (₹20) to the temple. Road access via Kollur side. Scenic but remote — plan for ferry timings.

Greatness of the Temple

This is a rare Shakti kshetra with no caste/wealth distinctions — all devotees are equal before Chowdamma.

The Goddess is believed to be self-manifest (Swayambhu), a powerful protector who punishes thieves (thieves often return stolen goods fearing her curse) and resolves issues without courts.

Legends say she roams as a forest deity; her blessings bring relief from hardships, evil deeds, and losses. Thousands visit daily for protection, wish fulfillment, and positive energy.

Unique board "**Shri Deviya Rakshane Ide**" (Goddess's protection here) — theft from here invites severe consequences.

History

Over 300 years old (18th century temple built). The Goddess was invisible for millennia, manifesting as a shapeless stone under Brahat Naga Sampige tree in Devikanu forest (now partly submerged in Linganamakki reservoir; visible in low water months).

Revealed to Deeva community elders in Kalasavalli; hunter Sheshappa dreamed of her asking for a temple after getting lost in forest — he and Brahmin Duggajja built it.

Originally worshipped by Kollanayaka family (17 generations) as house deity.

Evolved from forest/fear-based worship to widespread devotion. In 1990, the original stone was installed in the temple

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Architecture

Traditional Karnataka style with simple, serene design — not grand like big temples but beautiful in its rustic charm amid nature.
Features carved pillars, motifs, and open spaces blending with surroundings. Sanctum houses the powerful deity idol (installed from ancient stone).

Main Deity and Sub-Deities

Main Deity: Goddess Chowdeshwari (Sigandureshwari/Chaudamma) — fierce form of Durga/Shakti, protector and wish-fulfiller.

Sub-Deities/Associated: Lord Veerabhadra guards the kshetra; Shri Shaneshwara and Shri Raktheshwari on left side; Bhoothada Katte nearby.

Daily Poojas and Rituals

Timings: Temple opens 5:00 AM; Darshan & Sevas 5:00 AM–2:30 PM; Afternoon break 2:30–4:00 PM; Evening Darshan 4:00–9:00 PM (may vary on special days).

Morning Abhisheka/Alankara, regular poojas.

Free Annadana (meals): Morning 7:00–9:00 AM, Afternoon 12:00–3:00 PM, Night 7:30–9:30 PM (delicious, vegetarian). Carry food if needed — no hotels nearby.

Special Poojas, Sevas, and Charges

Sevas bookable online/via counter on official site (nominal charges; verify current). Include special abhishekam, offerings on Amavasya/Poornima.
Specifics like fruit/milk offerings for protection.
Donate items via trust.

Festivals

Makara Sankranti (Jan 14-15): Annual fair with thousands; holy dip in Sharavathi, grand prayers for prosperity/protection.
Navratri/Dasara: Special alankaras, poojas.

Ashada Month (June-July): Special worship (crowded).

Amavasya/Poornima: Regular special poojas.

Facilities for Devotees (Accommodation, etc.)

Accommodation: Temple maintains 50+ clean/hygienic rooms (basic; first-come or personal visit; availability tough on special days; issued ~5 PM). Limited — book via trust.

Free Annadana 3 times daily. Lockers, bathrooms, parking, ambulance, lost & found. Ongoing improvements for better stays.

Donation Info and Bank Account Numbers

Donate online via official website (secure).
For specific items/bank details, contact trust directly (no public bank numbers here for security).

Nearby Temples

- Santhana Gopalakrishna Temple (nearby in Gumagodu)
- Kollur Mookambika Temple (~45-50 km)
- Other Shakti/ Shiva temples in Sagar area.

Nearby Places of Tourist Interest

- Jog Falls (~40 km, stunning waterfalls)
- Linganamakki Dam/Sharavathi backwaters
- Kodachadri Hill (~30-50 km)
- Varadahalli, Mandagadde Bird Sanctuary, Tyavarekoppa Tiger Safari, Unchalli/Dabbe Falls.

Nearby Budget Hotels

Rural area — limited in Sigandur (temple rooms best). **Better options in Sagar** (~42 km) or **Talaguppa**:

Temple guest rooms (budget/basic).

Homestays like Gubbikanta, Mungaru, or Paradise Wild Hills Kodachadri (~₹2000-4000).

In Sagar: Budget lodges/hotels (~₹1000-3000). Carry food/water; no restaurants near temples

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Any Other Info

The temple emphasizes equality, protection, and sincerity — no long queues usually, but crowded on festivals.
Positive vibes reported; many visits for theft/loss issues.
Official site for live updates/seva booking.

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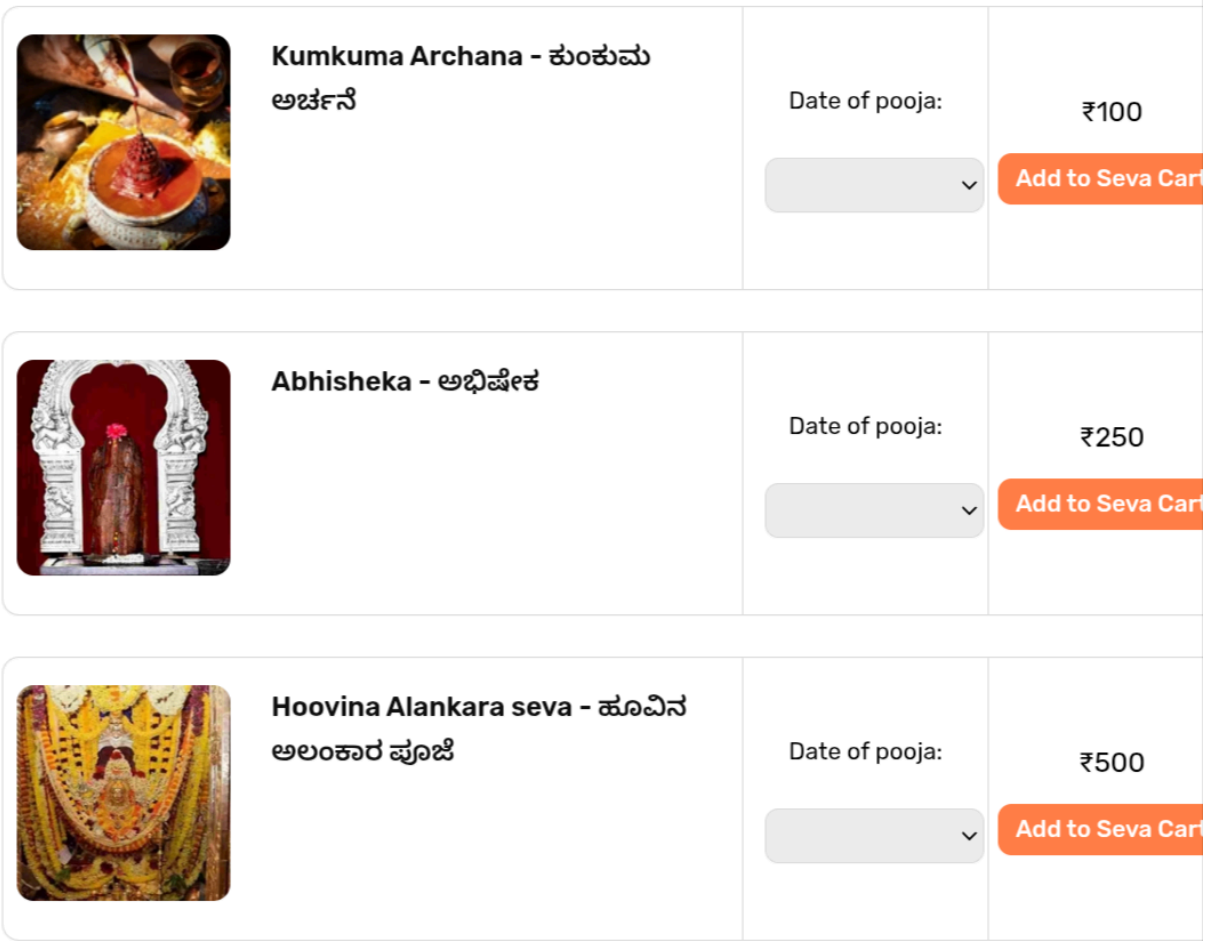
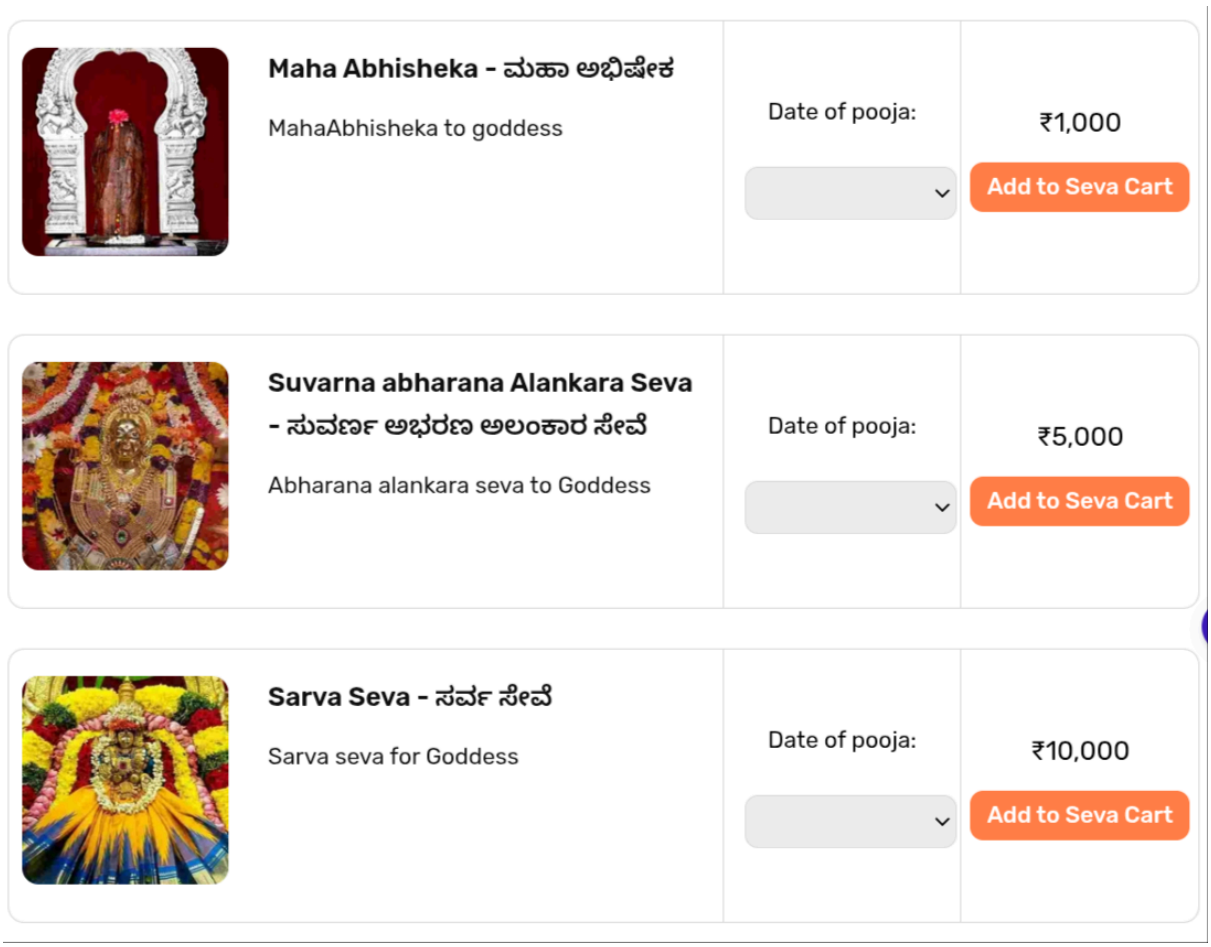
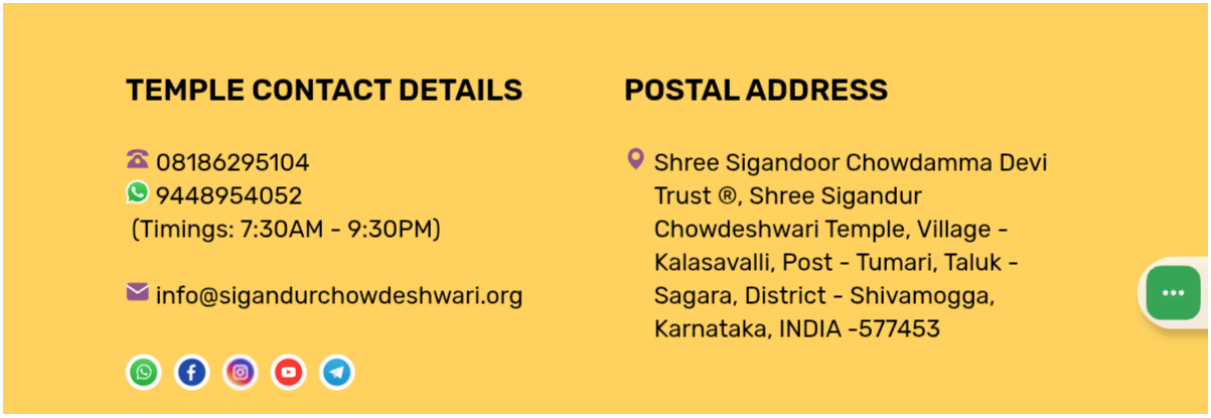
More info:

Ref: sigandurchowdeshwari.org

Regular Sevas



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For Saswatha Sevas and their charges, see here:

https://www.sigandurchowdeshwari.org/en/seva-and-donation/shashwatha

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For donations, see:

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Photos

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Videos

Sigandur Temple drone view and launch ride (6 min):

https://youtu.be/6UxwkoehQb8?si=XbXwNwWtQJr5L8Ol

Sigandur Chowdeshwari in Palaki (2 min):

https://youtu.be/e-ew1j9s0eY?si=lOD7qhlJho6zjwGU

Sigandur Chowdeshwari - sthala purana (6 min):

https://youtu.be/DgMrEXquJvY?si=t2Nmm6lrrV-4zcWy

Sigandur Chowdeshwari - golden ornaments alankara (3 min):

https://youtu.be/q42XdQh8hiM?si=8Yn_ziAAKZMXtmV_

Sigandur Chowdeshwari temple (10 min):

https://youtu.be/NVdZ6kQ-MPU?si=E51U4SxLayH3mQek

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